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This is a preliminary amendment directed to U.S. patent application Serial.

## IN THE SPECIFICATION

Instruction for amending the Specification, as required by 37 CFR §1.121(b)(1)(i), are provided below.

At page 1, please DELETE the PARAGRAPH beginning at line 18 with the words "Generally, semiconductor detectors ..." and ending with the words "...their gas-filled counterparts" and REPLACE that PARAGRAPH with the replacement PARAGRAPH shown in the attached paper.

At page 4, please DELETE the PARAGRAPH beginning at line 2 with the words "The result of neutron interaction ..." and ending with the words "... perpendicular to the crystallographic *c* axis", and REPLACE that PARAGRAPH with the replacement PARAGRAPH shown in the attached paper.

At page 6, please DELETE the PARAGRAPH beginning at line 5 with the words "Additional testing was done ..." and ending on page 6 with the words "...line in FIG. 2.", and REPLACE that PARAGRAPH with the replacement PARAGRAPH shown in the attached paper.

A separate ADDENDUM is attached to this paper that includes 1.) a clean, unmarked version of each of the amended PARAGRAPHS in a separate section of pages entitled